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SUBJECT: SOVIET UNION PLANS CULTURAL CENTERS IN HELSINKI,
PARIS, OTHER COUNTRIES

1. FINLAND'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER, HELSINGIN SANOMAT, CARRIED FRONT PAGE REPORT JANUARY 6 ANNOUNCING THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED DECEMBER 21, 1975 UNDER WHICH SOVIET LEAGUE OF FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES WILL BUILD ITS "FIRST CULTURAL CENTER IN THE WEST" IN HELSINKI.

2. COST OF BUILDING THE NEW CENTER, WHICH WILL BE LOCATED IN FORMER SCHOOL BUILDING AT NORDENSKIOLDKATU 1, WILL REPORT-EDLY AMOUNT TO BETWEEN FIVE AND SIX MILLION DOLLARS. CENTER BUILDING, COMPRISING 4,000 SQUARE METERS, WILL INCLUDE SPACE FOR EXHIBITIONS, AUDITORIUM SEATING 300 PEOPLE, FILM THEATER, LANGUAGE CLASSROOMS, CAFETERIA, OFFICES, SAUNAS, SWIMMING POOLS, AND APARTMENTS FOR CENTER CULTURAL STAFF.

3. PAPER ADDED THAT SOVIET UNION INTENDS TO BUILD "SIMILAR CULTURAL CENTERS IN OTHER CAPITALISTIC COUNTRIES" AND THAT A SEARCH WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY TO FIND LAND FOR A CULTURAL CENTER IN PARIS.

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